

Distinguished Budget Presentation Award



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The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) presented a Distinguished Budget Presentation Award to the South Florida Water Management District for its annual budget for the fiscal year that began October 1, 2004. To receive this award, a governmental unit must publish a budget document that meets program criteria as a policy document, financial plan, communications device and an operations guide.

This award is valid for one year. We believe our current budget continues to conform to program requirements, and we are submitting our FY2006 budget to GFOA to determine its eligibility for another award.

Guide to this Budget Document

Welcome to the South Florida Water Management District's (District) FY2006 Budget document. The descriptions below will give you a brief view of the content in the document's five sections.

Section A

Executive Summary

The Executive Summary provides an overview of the District and its budget. Also included is information about the District's Governing Board and executive management team, and a budget message from Executive Director Carol Wehle that details the major changes, priorities and issues reflected in this document.

Section B

Work Plan and Budget

The Work Plan and Budget section contains resource area mission statements, activity descriptions and FY2005 to FY2006 budget variances for the four District resource areas. Additionally, the section includes FY2005 accomplishments; FY2006 objectives; budget resources and trends; strategic goals; and performance measures for each of the 11 District programs that work together to fulfill the District's overall mission.

Section C

Financial Overview

The Financial Overview section includes details about the District's financial principles, philosophies, processes and structure. Revenue forecasts and trends, and a debt summary are also found in this section.

Section D

Long-Range Plans

The Long-Range Plans section contains the District's mission and vision, program policies, long-term goals, program-to-goal linkages; and a 10-year financial forecast developed in 2005. This section also includes the Capital Improvements Program, which offers major capital project details and funding sources.

Section E

Appendix

The Appendix provides general information to support information presented throughout the Budget document. The section contains information on taxes that is of interest to property owners, a list of the property appraisers in the District's area, a sample tax notice, narrative on how environmental factors affect District services, a glossary, a list of acronyms and abbreviations; and a guide to other useful District documents.

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